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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **SHIRAISHI, Masashi et al.**

Group Art Unit: **3729**

Serial No.: **10/705,884**

Examiner: **Paul D. KIM**

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For: **A MANUFACTURING METHOD OF HEAD GIMBAL ASSEMBLY**  
(As Amended)

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**  
**- EXPEDITED RESPONSE -**  
**GROUP ART UNIT 3729**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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December 7, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated **November 3, 2005**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

*Enter upon Appeal 12/20/05 pcc*